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Applicants : Kohei MIYAZONO et al.  
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action dated November 5, 1999 in this application. Enclosed herewith is a THREE-month Request for Extension of Time with authorization for the Commissioner to deduct the fee of \$870.00 from Deposit Account No. 500624.